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BY THE NKVD - PHILIPP

1. This is a supplement to Special Reports No. 5 (31 January 1946), No. 29 (12 February 1946) and No. 37 (14 February 1946).

2. In autumn 1944 PHILIPP suggested to the Reichssicherheitshauptamt (RSHA) that he be sent to Switzerland where he would try to determine the whereabouts of GISEVIUS (SSU: Admiral CANARIS) and, after the former had been dismissed, Colonel HANSEN's confidential agent in neutral countries).

3. In autumn 1944, the Staatspolizeileitstelle Berlin had instituted a search for GISEVIUS, who had been identified as one of the chief conspirators of the 20th July plot. PHILIPP believed to possess some indications as to where GISEVIUS might be found, all of which pointed in the direction of Switzerland.

4. Source read the answer of the RSHA addressed to Kriminaldirektor and SS Obersturmbannführer (Lt. Colonel) LIPIK of the Staatspolizeileitstelle Berlin, which in no uncertain terms vetoed PHILIPP's trip to Switzerland. The Reichssicherheitshauptamt mentioned that PHILIPP, during his Switzerland stay, had suspected German diplomats in Switzerland of espionage against Germany based on entirely insufficient grounds. The German Military Attaché in Switzerland had raised the most strenuous objections to PHILIPP's return to Switzerland, because it would endanger German interests in that country. The letter of the RSHA also made reference to an incident on file with the Staatspolizeileitstelle Berlin, which linked PHILIPP's name with a case of suspected espionage. Source vaguely remembers that this incident dated back to early days when PHILIPP made a living as a private detective.

5. As a result of the RSHA veto, PHILIPP was forbidden to go to Switzerland. An investigation ordered by LIPIK, to determine whether PHILIPP had made sizeable withdrawals from his banking account, had negative results.

SSU COMMENT: GISEVIUS, in fact, was at the date mentioned, in contact with ALGER DRILES.

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